

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-15, 17-56 and 58-61 were previously pending in this application. Claim 43 has been amended herein. Claims 44 and 45 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, claims 1-15, 17-43, 46-56 and 58-61 are pending for examination with claims 1, 15, 30 and 43 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Allowed Claims and Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-15, 17-42, 60 and 61 have been allowed. Applicants also note with appreciation that the Office Action indicated claims 45 and 48-58 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicants have amended claim 43 to include the subject matter of claim 45 and intervening claim 44 so as to accept allowable subject matter and allow this application to issue. As a result, the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

The Office Action rejected claims 43, 44, 46 and 59 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being purportedly anticipated by Disney (US 6,781,198 B2). The Office Action also rejected claim 47 as being purportedly unpatentable over Disney in view of Stecher. Applicants assume that the Office Action relies upon Stecher (US 6,525,383) cited on form PTO-892 mailed on June 1, 2006. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection. However, for purposes only of expediting prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 43 to include the subject matter of claims 44 and 45. Claims 44 and 45 have been canceled. As a result, claims 43, 46-56. and 58-61 should now be in allowable condition.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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